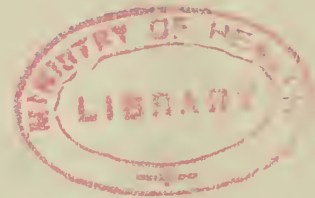
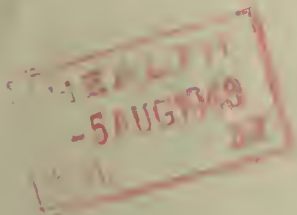


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INTERIM
ANNUAL REPORT
on the
Health of the
RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT
of the
ISLE OF WIGHT

by

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County Hall,

NEWPORT, Isle of Wight.

July, 1943.

To the Members of the Isle of Wight
Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Fourth war-time report on the health of the Rural District for the year 1942. As directed by the Ministry of Health the report is curtailed as far as possible and consists mainly of vital statistics.

The year on the whole was a healthy one and as yet there is no evidence that the Public Health of your District is being adversely affected by war. Actually the reverse seems to be the case, for the death and infant mortality rates are down from 1941 while the birth rate has increased. Another gratifying feature is that the number of new notifications of tuberculosis has decreased and the notifications of other infectious diseases show a marked decrease over the previous year.

Diphtheria was again absent from the District. Immunisation is still proceeding and during the year 192 children under five and 147 over five completed the course.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. S. WALLACE.

Medical Officer of Health.

Section "A".

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	57,463
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	£110,731
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	£429

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 17.3

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births... .. 41.4

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 14.8

Death Rate from Puerperal Causes per 1,000 (live and still) births 3.8

Death rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All Infants per 1,000 live births 43.1

Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births 47.2

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births... .. Nil.

Deaths from Measles (all ages) Nil.

" " Whooping Cough(all ages) 1

" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)... .. Nil.

" " Cancer (all ages) 29

Section B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

(1) Public Health Officers of the Authority:-

Medical Officer of Health: W.S. WALLACE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
Sanitary Inspectors: H.B. CULLIN, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
F.W. BUXTON, A.M.I.M.C.E., M.R.S.I.
C.V. SMITH, Cert.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Section C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

The total number of visits of inspection paid by the three Inspectors was 2415.

Section D.

HOUSING.

The total number of dwelling-houses inspected under the Housing and Public Health Acts was 257, and the number of inspections and re-inspections was 501.

The number of houses found not in a reasonable state of repair was 56 and the number rendered fit in consequence of informal action was 48.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

CARCASES INSPECTED OR CONDEMNED.

All slaughtering is now done under Government contract in the Boroughs of Newport and Ryde.

Six pigs were inspected after slaughter under permit for private consumption.

NON-NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The prevalence of non-notifiable Infectious Diseases is estimated from the weekly returns of the Head Teachers of the Schools. These returns for the year show that there were 33 cases of Mumps, 14 of Influenzal colds, 13 of Chicken-pox, 10 of Scabies, 3 of Impetigo, one of German measles and one of Ringworm.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Measles	2	-	-
Scarlet Fever	7	3	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	1	-	1
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	2	-
Pneumonia	2	1	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	4	-	-
Totals	21	6	1

AGE AT DATE OF NOTIFICATION.

AGE	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Puerperal Pyrexia	Pneumonia	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Measles	Whooping Cough	Erysipelas	Cerebro Spinal Meningitis
Under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 and under 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 " " 3	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
3 " " 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 " " 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
5 " " 10	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
10 " " 15	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
15 " " 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 " " 35	-	-	3	1	-	1	-	-	-
35 " " 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
45 " " 65	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	7	-	3	2	1	2	4	1	1

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES IN PARISHES.

Name of Parish	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Whooping Cough	Puerperal pyrexia	Pneumonia	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Measles	Erysipelas	Cerebro Spinal Meningitis
Arreton	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Bembridge	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Brading	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Chale	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Freshwater	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Gatcombe	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Godshill	-	-	4	1	1	-	-	-	-
Newchurch	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Shorwell	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	7	-	4	3	2	1	2	1	1

No notifications of infectious disease have been received from Parishes not included in above table.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods	New Cases.						Deaths.			
	Total	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmon.	
		M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F
0 and under 1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-
1 " " 5	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
5 " " 10	4	1	-	2	1	1	-	-	1	-
10 " " 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 " " 20	5	1	3	-	1	2	-	2	-	-
20 " " 25	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 " " 35	3	1	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-
35 " " 45	6	3	3	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
45 " " 55	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
55 " " 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	22	8	8	3	3	8	-	6	2	-

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

There was one case of Ophthalmia Neonatorum during the year.

Notified	Cases Treated at Home	Treated in Hospital	Vision unim- paired	Vision Im- paired	Total Blind- ness	Death
1	1	-	1	-	-	-